

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 16, 2009
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Dennis Williams, Susan Andrews, Harlow Bielefeldt, Lou Hernandez, Lee Wipfli, Rose Barton, Mike O'Brien, Susie Austin, Kathleen Books

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.

Agenda items moved to accommodate the cancellation of the first presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

CITIZEN MEMBER REPORT

The Human Services Board has not met since the last AODA Advisory Committee meeting. They have a two day work session planned in July.

COUNTY AODA STAFF LIAISON REPORT

All detox has been moved to Waukesha Memorial Hospital. The Lawrence Center no longer has nursing staff. Also ARO Counseling no longer operates out of the Huber Jail. There is no AODA treatment available in the Huber Jail at this time. Susan stated that she would talk to Lawrence Center about adolescent treatment.

PRESENTATION

Elizabeth Gilbert and Wendy Kohlhaas from QAM (Quality Addiction Management) discussed their treatment program. Elizabeth Gilbert started with the history of QAM. They now have six clinics. In 1991 they became an accredited program. They are a licensed outpatient clinic and narcotic maintenance treatment program. Elizabeth also discussed the handout which identified the goals of treatment, purpose of treatment and the phases of treatment. QAM has a waiver from the State for the therapist to see more patients. Currently the therapists carry a caseload of 60 to 65 patients. There is a requirement for the patient to be seen minimally once a month for therapy. QAM does not bill insurance. It is a self pay system except for straight Title 19. Straight T-19 is the only insurance that currently covers narcotic maintenance treatment. The goals for dosing and getting to a therapeutic dose are: absence of withdrawal symptoms, no cravings and if the patient does use an opiate, the methadone blocks the euphoric result.

The Waukesha clinic has 250 patients of which 70% are employed in Waukesha County. The clinic does have an English speaking only policy as they do not have interpreters. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Rose Barton made a motion to adjourn seconded by Susie Austin. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on _____